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INTRODUCTION

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to novel water-soluble, stable derivatives of combretastatin A-4, and novel synthesis methods therefore. The combretastatin A-4 prodrugs described herein appear to be useful in the treatment of neoplastic disease.